

144th Maintenance Group BEST OF THE BEST

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The 144th Maintenance Group, of the 144th Fighter Wing, in Fresno, was recently recognized by Lieutenant General Daniel James, Director of the Air National Guard, as the Maintenance Unit of the Year in the small aircraft category. Colonel Phil Skains, Commander of the 144th Fighter Wing presented the award during a June 7, 2003 ceremony at the Commander's Call held locally. The award is given annually to the top Maintenance Group in the Air National Guard.

The 144th Maintenance Group touted the highest Mission Capable rate within the F-16 block 25 community and implemented and maintained a number of cost saving measures. The Foreign Object Damage program continued its success with a 99.5% reduction since fiscal year 2000. This outstanding group of personnel truly exemplifies the motto, "Homeland defenders providing air superiority worldwide." 🐾